



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

February 4, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

This Wednesday evening (February 4th) is the **WFFEE Trivia Bee** at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. We want to thank Peter Pulsifer, Mark Pine and Alan Ruben-Meyer for representing the Lincoln School at the Trivia Bee. We wish them, as well as our 5th grade team, the best of luck at the Bee. Families are welcome to attend so head over to Town Hall and cheer on both Lincoln School teams. The **5th Grade Ice Skating Party** has been postponed due to the snow day last week. Thanks go out to Tina Snyder and Margen Pine for their continued hard work on this event. It is hard to believe, but next week is our **February LSPA meeting** at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Our guest speaker at the meeting will be Jeri Katz who will join us to discuss the reading curriculum at Lincoln. We hope to see as many of you as can make it there.

—Jenny Splaine and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 11th

LSPA meeting, 8:30 am in the cafeteria

February 16th – 20th

NO SCHOOL, February Vacation

ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

On April 14, the Lincoln first graders will be visited by Gail LaRocca who will share her experiences in Tanzania, East Africa. The students will journey on a visual safari to East Africa where they will see children at work and play, observe elephants and giraffe grazing on the savannah, and watch the sun set on the Serengeti. The Lincoln School children will discuss the joys and challenges of living in Africa, listen to Gail describe her new project LifeWaterAfrica, a foundation established to provide clean water to villagers, and learn some Swahili. Jambo Africa!

On May 7, the first graders will learn all about Kenyan Geography, culture and history from a Kenyan-born teacher, Harrison Maina of AjabuVentures.com. This will be Mr. Maina's eighth annual presentation at the Lincoln School. The first graders will experience hands-on learning

about Kenyan arts and crafts with video clips and oral performances and will be able to speak with Mr. Maina about real day-to-day life in Africa.

WINCHESTER TO PILOT SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS IN 2009

Save the Date – Winchester will pilot a new Summer Enrichment Series! Programs will be open to all Winchester students and fee-based. Teachers from all our schools have submitted course ideas, in areas they are passionate about, for classes which they will develop and teach. Types of courses will include music, art and an assortment of academic subjects. Summer sessions ranging from 1-4 weeks in length will begin July 6th. Courses will be available for grades K-12 and will be held in our schools. Specifics will be published by February 2, and sign-ups will begin shortly thereafter. Stay tuned to your school newsletter for more information!

5TH GRADE YEARBOOK—DIG OUT THE PHOTO ALBUMS AND CAMERAS!

We want to make this year's yearbook special for your child. Here are some things to remember:

- Submit your child's **KINDER-GARTEN** school photo - include child's and teacher's name (and school, if other than Lincoln) **DUE: MARCH 2nd**
- Start snapping! - Submit pictures (past and present) of your 5th grader and his/her Lincoln School (**Class of '09**) peers. **GREAT PHOTO OPPS** recently included: Winter Concert, Pancake Breakfast & Skating Party

Instructions for Submitting Photos:

1. Include names and event information if possible
2. Include self-addressed stamped envelope for returns
3. **Electronic files to:** Beth Maher or Genny Soper at pblmaher@comcast.net or gsoper@verizon.net
4. **Hard copies to:** Michelle Antonevich, 34 Leslie Road

POLAR PROJECT:

FAMILY "ECO-THON"

For this year's Growing Up and Reaching Out project, Lincoln School's Fifth Grade is sponsoring a Family "Eco-Thon" to raise environmental awareness and reduce the Lincoln community's carbon footprint. By helping their families "go green," Lincoln's kids can also earn money to help endangered polar bears. See the attached flier and checklist for details. The Eco-Thon starts now and will continue through the middle of March. Donations can be dropped off in the Eco-Thon box in the Lincoln School lobby or with your child's teacher. For further information, contact the Growing Up and Reaching Out co-chairs, Katherine Waters-Clark at waterswriting@comcast.net or Jamie Spencer at jamiespen@comcast.net.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC NEWS:

The State of Winchester's Special Ed

Join us on **Thursday, Feb 26, 7-9 pm at the McCall Middle School Library** for this annual program with Winchester's Superintendent of Schools, Bill McAlduff and Linda Stapp, Director of Pupil Services, who will talk about what is new with special education in Winchester. Opportunity for Q&A will follow. Contact winspedpac@verizon.net for info.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

WINCHESTER EDUCATION

FUNDING FORUM: *Keeping Schools*

Strong in Challenging Times

Monday, Feb 9th, 7pm, Lincoln Auditorium. What challenges, both fiscal and physical, are our schools facing in these economically difficult times? What can we do to be sure Winchester students are prepared for college and beyond in today's technologically complex and globally competitive world? What is the vision of our town gov't for our schools, and what help can the state provide? Come be part of the discussion, jointly sponsored by Stand for Children, Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence, and the Parents' Interschool Council. We will hear from these state and local leaders:

- William McAlduff, Superintendent of Schools
- Sarah Girotti, School Committee Member
- Roger Berman, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
- Michele Norman, Director of Policy Office of the Governor's Special Advisor for Education
- Jason Lewis, State Representative

This event is jointly sponsored by Stand for Children, Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence, and the Parents' Interschool Council.

WFEE NEWS: THE TRIVIA BEE

It's NOT just for adults anymore! Have you heard the buzz? The WFEE Trivia Bee is almost here and it is bigger and better than ever! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 4th**, and plan to cheer on our newest participants, fifth graders from each school who will kick off the Bee with one round of questions. **The Bee is Wednesday, February 4th, 7:00-9:30pm, at Town Hall.** For more information, contact Genny Soper at 781-721-2562 or gsoper@verizon.net

WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF ART – SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 28th as the Winchester FOA presents its annual Party for the Arts. This year's theme will be the "Un-Still Life," and for the second year the party will be held at the Sanborn House with the children's reception from 2-4:00pm and the adult fundraising party from 8pm-11:00pm. Stayed tuned for more info. If you are interested in volunteering with any aspect of the day's amazing, creative events please contact winchesterfoa@hotmail.com.

COLLEGE GATE

The College Gate & College Academy programs will return of their **4th summer in Winchester**. Held at **Winchester High School**, the programs provide a summer enrichment experience for kids in **kindergarten through/including grade 8**. Last summer, 326 area kids participated in the programs. To obtain registration materials go to www.collegegate.org or call Chris Harrington at 781-344-7331.

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK NEWS

The Multicultural Network, along with English At Large, invites non-native English speakers to join a conversation group this winter to polish their speaking skills. The conversation groups help

learners build their fluency, while developing friendships. Groups are lead by local volunteers, and conversation groups meet once a week for 8 weeks. They are suitable for intermediate to advanced English speakers who understand at least 70% of the English they hear. Conversation groups are free and open to adults.

Groups start up again the week of February 23 and residents may sign up for either Monday mornings from 10:00-11:30, Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30, or Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Those interested in joining a conversation group must register by emailing English at Large (learn@englishatlarge.org) or calling 781-395-237. For more information about Winchester groups, call Liz Sayre at 781-729-9242 or email office@wmcn.org.

THE TUFTS UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ANNOUNCES DATES FOR ITS SUMMER DESIGN AND ENGINEERING WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

This year, the CEEO will offer five summer LEGO Engineering Workshops:

1. **Robotics and Art**
Girls currently in grades 1-6
July 6-10: 9am-12pm
Cost: \$250
2. **Co-ed LEGO Robotics Inventors Workshop**
For beginning and intermediate users
Students currently in grades 2-5
July 13-17, 2009: 9am-3pm
Cost: \$500
3. **Co-ed LEGO Robotics Inventors Workshop. For intermediate and advanced users**
Students currently in grades 3-8
July 20-24, 2009: 9am-3pm
Cost: \$500
4. & 5. **LEGO Robotics for Early Elementary Students. All students currently in K-1st grade**
July 6-8, 2009: 1pm-4pm - The Circus is Coming! OR
July 27-19, 2009: 9am-12pm - LEGO Zoo. Cost per session: \$100

All workshops are held on Tufts' Medford campus. The workshops follow a hands-on format to allow students the maximum amount of time using the robotic LEGO bricks to work through a series of challenges. For more information and registration forms visit our website at: http://www.cceo.tufts.edu/Kid_Camps/kidcamps.html. Please contact Elissa Milto with questions, elissa.milto@tufts.edu.

LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

Deadline	Publish Date	Typist
2/6	2/11	McAuliffe
2/13	2/25	Vernaglia
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Shannon Vernaglia		781-729-5394
vernaglia@verizon.net		

RECEIVE THE LINC VIA EMAIL!

It's never too late! If you are one of the few families who still receive the Lincletter in hard copy each week, please consider signing up for electronic delivery. Not only will you help reduce our paper and printing costs, you will get more timely delivery of the latest news from Lincoln School. You will also receive attachments and email notices from the school and the superintendent's office that are only distributed electronically or via the LSPA table in school. Please send your email address, child's name and grade to lincolnspace@gmail.com. Your email address will not be shared. Thanks!